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DAVID GARRETT SMITH
MINISTER

Feb. 1°, 1926.

Rev. Wm. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi,
N.Y.

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

I expect to resign my charge here in a few months. For more than a year I have contemplated this, as the climate in this valley does not agree with Mrs. Smith. Besides, there are certain developments that have taken place in the church that make it desirable for me to leave; that is, it seems to me best, and I expect to follow this leading. I have already announced to my session that I shall leave, without fixing the date of departure.

It is not quite clear in my mind at this time whether I shall seek another permanant pastorate, although I shall be guided in this by providential indications. In the meantime, if the way opens I should like to serve some church as a supply in the interim between pastors, or take any other work of a like nature, till I can settle fully in my mind just what I want to do. I am holding myself free to leave here any time after April 1st.

I see by the Assembly Minutes that the church at Potsdam, N.Y. one of your former charges, is without a pastor, unless one has recently been called. In case the church is still vacant would you be willing to call attention to me as one who is available for long-term supply, or until such time as the church calls a pastor, saying whatever you think best about me- in good conscience? Our people are in New York, as you know, and we have a summer cottage at Westminster Park, 1000 Islands, N.Y., so the neighborhood would seem quite homey.

If you can see your way clear to do this I shall be greatly obliged and remain in your debt.

Trusting that your work is prospering and that you are very happy in it, I am

Cordially yours,

David Garrett Smith

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Now, Mr. Robinson, are you willing to find out just what there is about this matter at that end of the line? Perhaps there is much less than I think. If it were necessary I should be glad to explain any stand I have taken — would it be to the Board of Control of the Ag. School?

I am sorry to bother you with this matter, but it seemed I must have "one friend at court," especially as I am away from Delhi just now. I can return at any time, if you so advise.

Very truly yours,

Marian B. Smith.

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March 19, 1926.

Mr. W. C. Robinson,
Delhi, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Robinson, - Our forced vacation has been extended one week and I am not returning to Delhi till Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

In the strain and excitement of the last week of school, matters came up which have aroused Mr. DuBois very greatly. I fear he is carrying Supt. Haskness with him. For instance, I have objected to exposing myself unduly to scarlet fever. In that, he thinks I have been remiss in my duty to the girls. Other points have been brot up which I that were satisfactorily settled long ago. Altogether I feel my position for next year is at stake.

I do wish to remain another year. There are many, many trying problems connected with my position but I had been working under the impression that I was handling them as well as the average person could.

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april 10, 1926

Dear Dr. Robinson,

Thank you very much for the beautiful letter you sent me. I will always keep it. I'm sure it was a great pleasure for me to join Northminster.

Love to you and

Mrs. Robinson.

Euretta A. Simons.

My dear Mr Robinson:

On returning to my office after a trip to Cuba and the Canal Zone I found your letter requesting a Card at the League awaiting me.

I regret very much that this letter did not come in a few days earlier as I left Philadelphia on the twelfth of March.

I had a little touch of grip in February which

kept me in bed for about ten days and the Doctor told me to go away. Mrs Stoddart and myself went on one of the United Fruit boats and had a most delightful trip.

Both of us came back feeling very fit.

Do not be discouraged and any time you want a card let me know and if I am in the city it would afford me great pleasure to get it.

With kindest regards to Mrs Robinson in which I know Mrs Stoddart joins I am

Very truly

Fanny J. Stoddart.

April twelfth

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March 30th/1926

Dear Dr Robinson

It was a pleasure to see you in town the other day, if only for the few minutes. I do wish next time you come you would bring Mrs Robinson with you and come visit us for a few days. When Father first came here with us we didn't have any guest room, but now we have it planned so we have one and next Fall (if we make the alterations we

are contemplating this summer) we will have a better one. You and Mrs Robinson are always welcome to use it at any time and we wish you would. It would be a pleasure to receive a letter saying you were coming.

I am enclosing two of our recent church calenders which I believe have items of them which will be of great interest to you. The first one the name of our little girl (almost a big girl now) as having herself Confessed her Saviour and giving her life to Him. The same little baby that Laird & I gave to Him, and you baptized about

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eleven years ago. She was only eleven years old on last Dec. but I believe she realized the step she was taking, it has been her desire for almost a year. It was of course a very happy day for us.

Then last week the window was installed in memory of our four dear ones, all of which (except Uncle Charlie) you knew so well. The text on the window, "Fear thou not for I am with thee" was one of dear Mother's favorites. Dr Mackie preached a beautiful sermon from that text. Father has taken such

interest in putting this window in, he hopes it will Sunday by Sunday preach the lesson of the text: and Gods guidence through life, ever present by our side.

Kind remembrances to you both

Sincerely

Amelia A. Simons

Hobart, N.Y.
April 27, 1926

My dear Dr. Robinson,

Thank you very much for your letter of last week. I really am very grateful to you for it and for your earlier suggestion given at Presbytery. The fact that you were interested in me enough to give me such a helpful and constructive suggestion touched me deeply. I only fear that I did not make clear to you at that time my real appreciation.

I quite agree with you about the great importance of reading God's Word carefully and plainly and shall try to improve myself on that score. I am convinced that I need vast improvement in many other things as well, and should consider it a great favor if you would point out to me any such things that you might see.

My remark at Presbytery about the department of education at Princeton was not

intended either as a defense of my own carelessness or as a criticism of the seminary. Mr. Smith used to give a course on Bible Reading but I never took it. Mr. Wheeler, the new man, is making reading of Scripture an important part in his required course in elocution, I understand. I believe Mr. Wheeler is a very good teacher and future graduates of Princeton should show improvements over those of my class.

As to the outline of my little talk, I obtained that in Dr. Smith's Homiletics class and of course shall be pleased if you can use any part of it. I have always been troubled to know just how much credit to give in a talk or sermon to the source of an idea. Quotations are to be credited, to be sure; but in such a case as this I thought it unnecessary to express indebtedness, especially as I received the outline in class. Perhaps I am wrong in this matter.

Let me thank you again for your great kindness to me. Will you please

remember me to Mrs. Robinson?

Sincerely yours

Joseph A. Schofield, Jr

Hobart, N.Y.
April 29, 1926

My dear Dr. Robinson,

Thank you for your letter of April 28 and for the advice in it about using outside material in sermons.

Concerning my coming to your church in Delhi on May 9th, I shall be very happy to accept your invitation and supply your pulpit on that day. I can preach at both services if you wish it, and I take it from your letter that you wish the pulpit occupied for both services. Do you usually observe Mother's Day in your church? If you do I should like to try to comply with the custom as far as I am able.

Take no concern about my getting a supply for the Hobart church. I shall write Mr. Teachout this afternoon and if he cannot come I shall be able to make some other arrangement. I shall drive my car, which I recently purchased, and so you will

not need to plan any entertainment for me. It will be a real pleasure for me to feel that I am doing something — if even a little — for you and for Princeton.

I certainly feel, from what you say, that you are needed at this meeting in Princeton. I hope and pray that all will come out well. Of course I am disappointed in Dr. Stevenson but have felt since a year or more ago that some such difficulty would arise. I surely hope that Princeton Seminary may be held firm.

Sincerely yours

Joseph A. Schofield, Jr

The Second Presbyterian Church
Paterson, N. J.
ALVIN C. SAWTELLE, PASTOR

My dear Dr Robinson

I thank you for your very kind note of sympathy at the time of my brother's death.

We all feel his loss very deeply and such words as you wrote are very helpful.

Sincerely yours

Alvin Sawtelle

April 28th

Rector's Office
Trinity Parish, New York
187 Fulton Street

April 29, 1926

Dear Mr. Robinson:

You are most kind to write me such a friendly letter about the report of my address to the students of Cornell University.

I was trying to show them that what are called conventions of society, like marriage, are after all formed of the age long customs of human relations and have proved to be valuable for the preservation of society; and that all that is called"broadness" leads to exceeding narrow-mindedness and no one is quite so narrow as the militant rationalist.

I have no question that the way to win back people to religion is to state definitely the truth and then prove it to be reasonable.

It is heartening to have someone like yourself tell me that he approves and sees the point.

Sincerely yours

Caleb R. Stetson

The Reverend
W. Courtland Robinson

My dear C. C. Robinson!—

The card
to the League will be at the
door on the 26th. I will not
engage a room as you say
Thursday & Friday,
We will be delighted to have
you come out and stay with
us, but leave this to your
pleasure, you know where
there is room to welcome you.
2 Chestnut. Very truly
yours with Mary J. Hobbins

Tuesday -

My Dear Court! -

Mighty glad you can be here Aug. 8 - one service in High School auditorium -

Plan to stick around a few days - Bring everyone you can but be sure you bring Anne - and I will plan to have some free time and give you all a good time - Have a peach of a girl here from N.Y. to help entertain you - You can't tell about us old guys, may be we can dig you up an extra fee while you are here - Regards -

A. W. S.

- OVER -

You know Will Robertson will be up in August. The poor dear needs a few good laughs, so stay a few days when you come - and bring Anne if possible - date her up now -

H.

Gouverneur,N.Y. 6/8/26

Dear Courtie:

You are a fine sweet boy.I was fully intending to write you this week,but you got the start of me.I have been ashamed of myself for not answering the receipt of the two very fine sermons you sent me.I have been rocky all winter. Got knocked out last Thanksgiving-stomach and nerves-nerves principally I guess.Finally went to Dr Gregor Watertown and he helped me.Am feeling very much better now,have not got all my weight back yet-lost twenty pounds,and that makes me look rather skinny. But I am feeling first rate again now.Yes Dr Ferguson died very suddenly.I was there two weeks ago and thought I had not seen him looking so well in years.Funeral was Sunday at three.Mrs Ferguson sent for me,but I had John Laidlaw's funeral at two and could not go,regretted it.Laidlaw had a brilliant career as educator. Was for long time superintendent schools at Niagara Falls,several from there here at the funeral,and many from Canton.

One thing I was anxious to write you about was to ask you what Princeton would do now.What a horrible mess they made of it at the Assembly didn't they.Too bad they had to air their troubles in such a wretched way.But I can see now the situation as you have been trying to paint it to me for some time.What are you

going to do now?Surely something will have to be done.They can never work harmoniously with such bitterness existing in the faculty.Indeed it does not look Christian to me and for the good of the school,and the church,some thing ought to be done,somebody ought to be out of there.They need you there for President.

I think it fortunate for the school that McCartney did not accept Too much of a fighter-not a good leader.Even Mark A Matthews and Dr McAfee are not radical enough for him.And it seems to me that Machen is just as bad.It seems evident that the great body of the church do not like that sort of thing-and I believe the great body of the church is just as loyal to the standards as they are.But then I am off one side-not much in contact with the real life of the church,except as I see it in print-and I may be a very poooor judge.

Rhoda came home home Saturday.Sherman does not get home till first of next week.Robert was home week ago Saturday.The Company sent him out to look over the branch offices at Albany,Syracuse and Buffalo.Trying him out I guess to see what he could do.

Kate has been well all winter and is feeling fine.

What was that you said-you and I the "old men?" You are a mere kid.Don't you begin to talk like that till you get ten or fifteen more years on you-and I do not feel very old even then.

Thanks for your letter, We are glad to hear from you

Galen Hall
Atlantic City, N. J.

June 29, 1926.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D.,

Delhi, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Your very welcome letter of the 25th instant has been forwarded to me, here. I came here shortly after our meeting, and expect to remain until the latter part of the week.

Thank you for your suggestion as to seeing Dr. Greenway personally. I would have done so had I not made arrangements to leave Swarthmore for awhile, and I, to-day, am writing him a letter, and will try and call on him later.

I have written to Mr. MacDowell, Business Manager of Lincoln University, to forward to you the amount as listed, covering your traveling expenses for the two trips to the city. If you do not receive this soon, kindly advise me.

I think you have well sized the situation regarding the jealousies in the ~~family~~ Faculty. Certainly an outsider is the only one, in all probability, who would be able to command the situation without, probably, a general upheaval in the Faculty that would be injurious to the institution. I sat alongside of Watson at the meeting, and I could easily see he was much puzzled as to how he should vote. When he finally voted with us, I was rather surprised. I feel about voting for Johnson much as you feel about Wright. He would not do.

As I take a retrospective view of the meeting, it seems to me that you and Dr. Kennedy certainly presented Dr. Greenway's claims most admirably. Dr. Laird, in the statistics he had about what ministers had done, put on the toboggan the labored arguments of the Dean that an educator and only an educator was to be desired. I saw the Dean afterwards, at the depot, and he seemed in good humor, and said as far as he was concerned, he proposed to go along with what seemed to be the best for Lincoln University. I think he will.

I rather expect to go to Squirrel Inn, with Mrs. Ramsey and my daughter, shortly after the middle of next month, and if so, will advise you, and hope to see you there.

Very sincerely yours,

J. E. Ramsey

P. S. I enclose herewith a clipping from yesterday's Ledger, which shows the stuff Dr. Greenway seems to be made of.

I also enclose copy of letter to Dr. Greenway.

Copy

June 29, 1926.

Rev. Walter B. Greenway, D. D.,
Bethany Temple Presbyterian Church,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Greenway:

As to Lincoln University: I heartily congratulate you on your election as President, and also Lincoln University and all connected therewith on this action of the Trustees. I hope the Lord will indicate that this is His call to you, and most earnestly hope and pray you may promptly accept. It is a work worthy of any man who seeks to glorify God, and be of service in a broad way to his fellows.

I would have taken the opportunity to have called on you, but came here shortly after the meeting. I hope to be able to see you soon. Lincoln University has had a great past. It will have even a greater future, if you will undertake its leadership.

It would seem as if two things were now weighted with the utmost importance in this work: First, that the enrolled students in the Theological Department be largely increased; where for many long years we had approximately twenty-five to thirty per cent. of the student body in this Department, there is now hardly eight per cent; this ought not so to be. Second, the endowment should be largely increased. We have now about one and a quarter million dollars in securities, buildings and equipment. There ought to be an increase of at least a million and a half, and it can be done. As Dr. Laird may have informed you, we are in touch with a financial organization in New York, known as Messrs. Ward, Wells, Dreshman and Gates. We have had an interview with the senior member of this firm, and I have corresponded and received most favorable replies from quite a number of ~~colored~~ colleges hospitals, etc., which they have financed. At our interview with Mr. Ward, he requested that we write him as to just what we desired, and Dr. Laird did so. I enclose herewith a letter received by Dr. Laird, from this firm, dated June 9, 1926. Kindly return this to me, at Swarthmore, Pa., when you have read it. Mr. Ward, in the interview, dwelt especially on the absolute necessity of having a strong President before any work of this kind could be successfully inaugurated and carried to completion. The charges, you notice, seem to be very moderate indeed.

With all good wishes, my dear Dr. Greenway, I am

Sincerely yours,

July 27-

Dear Lou:-

Yours just rec'd. Will excuse
time under the circumstances - and take
what we can get of the Robinsons. Just
let me know your plans when you are
coming, & we will be glad to do anything at
all to meet you - If you come by train,
would be glad to meet you in Saratoga.
& sport around a little - At that time
Saratoga will be a bloom, and it might
renew your youth to kick up your heels
and get tight on Saratoga mineral water.
Loughey is around the country "pro rata" -
but here during week watching the new
Church grow - which is not very fast.
Expect to lay cornerstone about Sept. 15 -

He will be glad to see you if possible -

Just let me know your plans - I can arrange anything you want to do - You will no doubt want to snuff around Wash & see Will Robertson - et al - Can give you all the time we need - You must go to the lake to see Mary too -

Will expect to hear from you when your plans are definite

Sincerely

Henry

You might arrange to stay a few days at least. H.

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Personal

August 14, 1926.

W. C. Robinson, D. D.,
Delhi, Del. Co., N. Y.

My dear Doctor Robinson:-

Permit me to thank you for your letter which appeared in the "Delaware Express" of August 6th regarding the candidacy for Congress of my brother, John.

Your letter paid a high tribute of personal friendship as well as an estimate of what John has done and can do if elected, not only for his own district but also for the country by lending his influence to important legislative matters.

Life expresses so many emotional extremes that to me a political career seems akin to combat service in time of war and I can only hope that John's sunny disposition may not suffer from some of the situations that seem to have arisen in his campaign.

I realize, Doctor Robinson, that it takes considerable courage for a minister to openly express an opinion that may not be entirely reflected by his congregation; therefore I consider it an even greater privilege to send you a personal word of appreciation and thanks for the letter.

Will you be good enough to remember me to Mrs. Robinson.

With high personal regards, believe me to be

Faithfully yours,

Eleanor Clarke Slagle.

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September 18th, 1926.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D.,
Delhi,
New York.

My Dear Dr. Robinson:-

In answer to your note of September 12th, I desire to let you know that St. Paul Presbyterian Church will be glad to have a Country Parson in the person of yourself address them on October 31st. Please advise me whether this arrangement is entirely satisfactory to you, also please forward at your convenience topics for your sermons on that date.

Anticipating the pleasure of your ministry with us and with kindest personal regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

J. Willison Smith.
for J.C.

JWS:JC

September 28.

My dear Court:

I was so glad to hear a word from you after you reached your home. but - I was sorry not - to have had a real visit - with you. I had things I wished to talk about - with you Georgia has been with me three weeks we took her home yesterday Gilbert - drove the car. Mary fell and broke her toe the week before Georgia came it is better but - she has to be careful of it: She is doing the cooking and housework Gilbert - helps as he has nothing else to do. Mary has lost - 6 pounds is very pale. has rented her house. working like mad getting things in shape for the renters and packing trunks as they expect to start

the 11th October for Florida where we
have rented Apartments - I am to go
about -, Thanksgiving the says I should
like packing and trip down. I will send
you the address before I go - May bee
the South - has always been so well
there. that - I feel I must - go and
it will be easier for her as I will
take Leizzie with me. I hope there
will be business for Albert - as he has none
here. But - helping Poor little Mary she
is the Greatest - trust - little darling
holds up her dear head keeps smiling
ing and then returns to herself. God bless
her and keep her safe and well return all
our Loveings - and mine. Do pray for her
and I do need your prayers dear Aunt -
I hope she will be kept - from all harm - and
and have health - and strength

I am glad you found all your Loved ones
all well and hoping on your return. What
Fearful storms and winds Florida has had
& sad rather anxious about - going there but we
are in our Fathers keeping here & there He
will care for us. Ike called to see Fannie she
had been sick but - is better. Lemuel was with her.
Aunt - Eugie is well and not - quite as lame & thinks
Give my love to dear Ens & would like to have a
visit with her and you. May said over the
phone when I told her I was writing give Ens and
Aunt - my love. With mine for each of you
dear ones. Believe me your Loving Aunt =
Eliza

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Potsdam, N.Y. Oct 20-1926

Rev. W. C. Robinson —
Delhi N.Y.

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My Dear Friend.-

Your most welcome letter was brought to me while in the Hospital, and I was much pleased to hear from you,

You see when we "young" fellows begin to get old it is a good thing to let a good Surgeon like Dr. Madill open you up" and give you a new lease on life — maybe it will improve my lovely voice also? Nevertheless I am home again and feeling pretty fair and Eat 3 Squares a day

Sincere regards to Mrs R. & Yourself —
from Fred & Lena S.

Fairview, N. Y.

Oct. 28. 1920.

My dear Dr. Townsend -

The time
come when I feel
I must ask for a leave
of absence from the
First Church.

This is to be an
unpleasant thing in the Church.
but in fairness to myself &
my family I feel
Rockefeller that I could
do no other.

[illegible] and loved,

[illegible] opportunity offers, I do
[illegible] get [illegible] with
you and [illegible] you.
[illegible] look for [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to
[illegible] you with you.

Assuring you of the con-
tinuance of our [illegible]
great kindness to me and
mine and [illegible]
good to [illegible]. I am

Very sincerely
Addie E. Smith

A Misapprehension Corrected

The Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, D.D., LL.D., is President of Princeton Theological Seminary, of which I am an alumnus, Class of 1925, and in which I have the deepest interest. Before the Committee on Theological Seminaries at the last General Assembly, Dr. Stevenson asked and argued for a committee "to make a sympathetic study of conditions affecting the welfare of Princeton Seminary, to co-operate responsively with the seminary's leaders in striving to adjust and harmonize its differences, and to report to the next Assembly." Later, in his speech before the Assembly, opposing the confirmation of the election of Dr. J. Gresham Machen to the chair of Apologetics and Christian Ethics by the Board of Directors, he urged and aggravated a mistaken impression as to Dr. Machen's part in one matter to which he made strong objection, namely, the change of the Student Advisor. His remarks, as reported in the daily press, which report he does not correct nor deny, contain statements which I know to be incorrect. Inasmuch as I was in some degree responsible for the situation of which Dr. Stevenson complains, I am moved to correct the misapprehension and accept my own responsibility for that with which Dr. Machen was charged. I do this, not to make charges against any one, but to set forth the facts, that Dr. Machen may not bear the burden of false accusation. I wrote Dr. Stevenson the letter which follows, and he acknowledged its receipt, stating that the records supported his contention. If that be so, the records are not complete and correct. I know and present the facts. I am moved to put this forth in pamphlet form rather than in the public prints, in order that the Alumni, many of whom have sat under Dr. Machen, may give it more careful attention and know that he is absolutely innocent in the matter concerning which much comment has been made. My letter to Dr. Stevenson follows.

Dr. J. Ross Stevenson,
Princeton Theological Seminary,
Princeton, N. J.
My dear Dr. Stevenson:

On June 3, I sent you the following telegram: "If correctly quoted in today's papers, I wish to protest most vehemently as an alumnus of Princeton against your statement before the Assembly that Dr. Machen got Dr. Erdman removed as student advisor. That movement originated entirely with the students. Am writing you a letter with details."

This letter is to confirm the above telegram, to renew and to intensify my feeble protest, and to furnish the promised details of my statement's truth.

To begin with, may I once again protest as an alumnus of the Seminary against the attack made by professors in the Seminary upon Dr. Machen? I do not speak for myself alone, when I say that I am sure that scores of alumni of Princeton resent very much this situation. I am not complaining against the action of the General Assembly, for I am informed that for a humble presbyter to do so would be construed as rebellion. But as an alumnus of Princeton and as a presbyter of the Presbytery of Otsego, I do desire to protest in this personal way to yourself as the president of the seminary for your own statements before the Assembly, as reported in The New York Times of June 3, and in The New York Herald-Tribune of the same day. I desire to state that much of what you are reported to have said concerning Dr. Machen on that occasion is, from my own personal knowledge, highly misleading and must, therefore, have given a decidely false impression to the commissioners there assembled.

In addition to this protest, I wish to state my deep sorrow for the action taken with regard to Dr. Machen and to express my conviction concerning him. I feel that I can say in absolute honesty that I do not know of a more sincere Christian anywhere than Dr. Machen. Not only do I consider him the best teacher in Princeton Seminary, but I consider him also the most sympathetic man there. Hundreds of students can testify that he never refused to listen with the greatest sympathy to the doubts and difficulties of any student who came to him. His convictions are strong, to be sure; but he never once declined to consider to the fullest extent the convictions of others. He always presented his views positively, but never once in his classes did he try to force his views on others. For a man of such genius, of such humility, of such absolute honesty, of such profound generosity to be made the victim of such a bitter and unfair attack from his colleagues is positively inexplicable to me, and to many other alumni of Princeton.

May I now present the details which caused my resentment at your statements before the Assembly? The New York Times for June 3 reported that you made chiefly three charges against Dr. Machen. Of course, I do not assume that this report is necessarily correct, but substantially the same charges were reported to have been made by you before the Assembly by The New York Herald-Tribune. Now it is against these charges, if they were correctly reported, that I take very serious and very strenuous exception.

One of the charges made by you is that Dr. Machen, and others, opposed the election of Dr. Erdman as Moderator of the General Assembly last year. I need make no comment on this charge, for I agree with you that it is true. But I should like to express great surprise to learn that the unpardonable sin has become opposition to anything Dr. Erdman desires. I feel sure that anyone who thinks this matter over, will feel with me that this fact is hardly an argument against the approval by the Assembly of the election of a professor at Princeton.

The second charge is much more serious. You stated, if correctly quoted, that "there are honored men on this platform who could not be invited to the Princeton Theological Seminary because of the line of demarcation drawn by those who believe the time

has come to make the difference clear." I am in no position to comment on the truth of this charge. But I am in a position to make two statements. I myself, while a student at Princeton, have heard men speak in the Seminary chapel, about whose statements students in the seminary have expressed great surprise and chagrin that such utterances should be allowed in such a place. And I have a second statement to make. It was Dr. Erdman, in his position as student advisor, who told the committee of the Students' Association which had charge of selecting and inviting the speakers for the popular Tuesday evening meetings, that Mr. Bryan who, but for "the clammy hand of death," would have nominated Dr. Thompson at Baltimore, should not be invited to Princeton during the school year 1924-25. You may remember that Mr. Raymond I. Brahams, of the class of 1925, and now of Laguna Beach, California, was the chairman of the committee that had charge of the Tuesday evening student meetings. As a member of his committee, he asked me to accompany him to Dr. Erdman's house, while he submitted the list of suggested speakers to the student advisor for his approval. Dr. Erdman looked over the list, and the only name which he did not approve was that of Mr. Bryan.

The third charge, however, is the most serious of all, and is the one about which I can give the most facts. You are quoted as saying that Dr. Machen was instrumental in having Dr. Erdman deposed as student advisor. This statement is entirely misleading, as the following facts will show. In the spring of 1925, the annual student elections were held, at which time a president of the Students' Association was chosen, together with certain other officers. The meeting for the elections was held in Miller Chapel, and all the retiring officers and chairmen of committees made reports. Dr. Erdman, as student advisor, was called upon for a report, which he gave, closing his remarks with the request that he be re-elected by the students to this office. To be sure, this request for re-election may have seemed like a pleasantry, for the students as a body were not in the habit of electing the student advisor, who was supposed to represent the faculty. Nevertheless, the request was made in language that was as plain as a gentleman could use. In the meantime, the retiring cabinet took Dr. Erdman's suggestion seriously, and began an investigation as to the custom with regard to this office. They came to the conclusion that the cabinet, and not the Student Association, were the ones who chose the student advisor, although they supposed that Dr. Erdman had annually been elected by the Student Cabinet to this office for some sixteen or eighteen years, until it was taken for granted that he was the only one eligible professor for the office.

Now it was at this point where I made a suggestion, and it is I whom you ought to blame, if any blame is to fall anywhere, because of the removal of Dr. Erdman from the position of student advisor. The blame certainly should not fall upon Dr. Machen. It should fall upon the students in general, and upon myself in particular. That is why I cannot stand by and allow Dr. Machen to receive the opprobrium which he in no respect deserves. For the suggestion came entirely from the students, and so far as I can recall it originated from me, that another than Dr. Erdman be chosen by the Student Council as student advisor. The suggestion came from no one other than students, and I am positive that I was the very first student to voice it. Even to suggest that Dr. Machen originated the thought or had anything whatever to do with urging the cabinet to take the action they did, is to do him the grossest injustice.

The facts are these: I suggested to the retiring cabinet, though not a member of it myself, that another professor be chosen to this position. I made this suggestion because of a great embarrassment to which I personally had been subjected by the student advisor in connection with some committee

work I was doing for the Student Association. I felt that Dr. Erdman was not in sympathy with the Student Association, and that some other professor might be. I also felt that no possible harm could be done in giving this honor to another professor, after Dr. Erdman had held it for sixteen or eighteen years.

Of course, the retiring cabinet had no more authority, so they merely recommended to the new cabinet that the latter body elect a student advisor, thus reviving a custom and a privilege which they considered belonged to the cabinet. I personally interviewed several members of the new cabinet and told them by reasons for advocating this step, and the cabinet determined to take it. In the meantime, however, the new student president had had a personal interview with Dr. Erdman, without any consultation with his cabinet, and had offered the position of student advisor to him for another year. Dr. Erdman accepted the position, thus acknowledging the right of the students to offer it. But he accepted it with certain conditions which the student cabinet, when informed of them, considered highly humiliating. These conditions had to do with letters sent out by officers of the Students' Association on Students' Association letterheads, and provided that no letter of whatever kind could be sent out by the Students' Association on Association letterheads which did not meet with the definite and detailed approval of the student advisor, regardless of whether the matter dealt with in the letter in question had been definitely taken before the faculty as a whole and approved by them or not.

The student president announced to his cabinet that he had accepted these conditions and had appointed Dr. Erdman to the position. To this action the cabinet at once expressed exception, both because they felt that it was their right to choose the student advisor and also because they felt the conditions imposed were humiliating and unbearable. They at once voted to over-ride the president and to recall the invitation he had given Dr. Erdman. Then came the matter of selecting another professor, and on this the cabinet could not agree. It was then, and then only, that the students, through their student officers, decided to refer the action to the faculty and request that body to select a successor to Dr. Erdman.

What action was taken in the faculty, of course, you know. I cannot say whether the faculty accepted the student interpretation that the student cabinet was entitled to select the student advisor. Nor can I say what part in the discussion within the faculty Dr. Machen took. I only know that it was shortly announced to the students that Dr. Wilson had been chosen by the faculty to act as student advisor for the following year, and many of the students took it for granted that this action on the part of the faculty was tantamount to a declaration that the faculty and not the students had the right and power to choose the student advisor.

No doubt all these facts are well-known to you, but I am setting them down here merely as a basis for my contention that Dr. Machen should not be blamed for a matter that originated entirely with the students. I feel that a decidedly false impression with regard to this matter has gone abroad throughout the Church, and that this impression was not corrected, but rather aggravated by your remarks in Baltimore. It is for this reason that I am making my protest to you.

Let me state once again that I resent the fact that Dr. Machen should have to shoulder the blame for this matter of the student advisor, especially when whatever blame there is should fall on the students or entirely on me.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Machen, which will be his first intimation that I intend to write it. In addition to this, if I am convinced that conditions warrant it, I shall send a copy to the religious press.

Very sincerely yours,
Joseph A. Schofield, Jr.,
Class of 1925.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HOBART, NEW YORK

JOSEPH A. SCHOFIELD, JR., PASTOR

Nov. 9

Dear Dr. Robinson,

In case something has happened to your copy of the pamphlet I am sending you one.

Would you give me your opinion of the enclosed letter? I don't think Gibbons has any facts at all but he is a tricky fellow and a regular brow beater and I should hate to try to cope with him at his own game. Do you think I am bound to accept any such challenge? Whom does he represent that he can issue such a challenge? I don't see why I should enter into any controversy, public or private, with Dr. Gibbons. I should be glad to meet Dr. Stevenson or anybody who has a right to question me but surely not Gibbons. Am I right about this?

(over) Hastily, Joseph A. Schofield, Jr.

P.S. When I was a Senior in Princeton the Friar Club issued a statement to the Trenton Times correcting certain statements made by Dr. Gibbons in that paper. He blamed me for the statement that the club made. He was right about it as I had prepared the statement but the club adopted it and it was true. Does that make me obligated to accept this challenge of his?

My letter has been verified by four students and several faculty members. But Gibbons will shout and argue and deny (as I have heard him do several times) and make an impression. I hate to think of my doing anything so undignified as having an argument with such a man before stenographers and the Committee.

Jack

Please return Dr. Gibbons' letter at your convenience.

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Rev. W.C. Robinson,
Delhi, Delaware County, N.Y.

My dear Court:-

In the transfer of some property outside the city of Glens Falls, it has developed that Grandfather Stewart held a small mortgage of $85.00 given to him in December, 1882, by one Alice Rawson. This mortgage seems never to have been discharged from the records and the purchaser now demands that in order to clear the title, the heirs of Walter G. Stewart must give a satisfaction paper. The attorney for the seller came to see me about it several days ago and as I knew nothing of the existence of such a mortgage and also knew that we could not collect it in any possible way, I told him that we would all sign a satisfaction for it if he would prepare it. This he has done, and to-day I have taken him around among the girls and the document is complete with the exception of your signature. I have no doubt that you will be willing to sign it directly under Madge's signature and to have it acknowledged on the back before a Notary Public of your County. We are getting absolutely nothing for it and my interest in it is more on account of Mr. King who is the attorney for the seller thanfor any other reason. I have no doubt that the mortgage is paid, but if it was not, there is no possible way in which we could recover anything on it as it is outlawed and amounted to so very little from the beginning.

I will thank you if you will return it to me as quickly as is most convenient to you.

We are all plodding along in the usual way and are getting along very nicely in our new little nest, which Margaret seems to enjoy and seems very happy.

Again thanking you, I am, with much affection

Very sincerely yours,

Hollis

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find a way out. For either side so-called to win a victory will do Princeton great harm, no matter which side it is. To have a dodging report seeming to be one thing and really being another, will only prolong unpleasantness. On Monday, if you wished, you caould invite a few to confer. Let us find a way. We are Christian men. Each must give up something, no one should do all the surrendering and all should let bygones be bygones.

Cordially yours,

I felt that you appeal to the General Assembly, in which Erdman joined, was wrong, but as the Committee is appointed and soon to confer, I hope and pray with all sincerity that it will do good. I am curious to know just what you want the committee to decide. I am quite confident that you and Dr. Erdman will have more influence with them than all others combined. You are "in the saddle" so to say, and whatever happens by their action will be largely changeable to you. If it turns out well, I rejoice though it go against my present opinion in which I have no excessive confidence. If the result increases friction or changes the essentials of the old institution, I will feel very sorry and probably say "I told you so."

Please pardon a personal word. I am a bend-back, blue-nose conservative such as Drs. Erdman, Thompson and Macartney have declared themselves to be. But I find I do not feel in my heart to approve all that has been done by either side (if we may use that word for convenience). I deplored the Erdman-Macartney race. I wrote the latter a dozen times to withdraw. I deplore it now more than then for the results have been worse than I anticipated. I regretted your opposition to Macartney for Apologetics because as I then saw it, he was the best man in sight. In two years you or no one else had suggested a better, in my judgment. I regretted and protested Dr. Macartney's long delay in giving answer to the election. It was a serious mistake. At present I am not in favor of electing Dr. Macartney to succeed Dr. Smith. Though he would be excellent in that chair as you admitted. The time is not opportune. So on the whole, I have been in an isolated position. I was not present but deplored the opposition to Erdman at Columbus. I preferred him to any man except Mc Ewan.

Believing there was urgent need of a Proffessor of Apologetics right away, I though we should elect last May. In spite of some personal traits, I think Dr. Machen far and away the best man for that position, equipped in scholarship as no one I know of. I think he too has had severe treatment.

In my humble opinion, in spite of all the roar and gesticulation, the issues at Princeton are not worthy such a fight between men of honor, ability, dignity and orthodox views. It is all childish and unseemly. I cannot assess the blame except to see some in all of us. The measure is not for me to say. Now just what do you want? If you could determine the actions to be taken, I would like to know exactly what you would do, which of us you would cast out and whom you would call in as Director, Trustee or Professor. I know you object to some but I do not recall any you have a pressed desire for, who has not been chosen. Each Director you have suggested is now in the Board. We have not combined the Boards, but you never called a second meeting of the joint committee.

Now Dr. Stevenson, my friend, I am utterly weary of the contest. I do not want to be sicked out of Princeton any more than you do. You must be more weary than I am. Can you not ask some men, not more than six or eight, divided about or quite equally e.g. Finney, Speer, yourself, Warfield, Laird, M. Alexander - to get together to be frank, friendly and with sincere intent to

Delhi, N. Y., November 19, 1926.

Rev. J. Ross Stevenson, D.D., LL.D.
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Dr. Stevenson,

With trepidation I write to you, not certain that any word from me will be welcome. I have been reading letters you have sent me during the years. I find compliments and kindness in them. In one you called me "Courtland" which I liked and you called me friend and signed yourself "cordially and affectionately". I would be glad if such an attitude had continued. I wrote you a letter sometime in 1924 which changed your attitude toward me. Letters are miserable things in many ways. Without expression of countenance and tone of voice one may misread the heart of the writer in dealing with delicate subjects or those loaded with dynamite. Now in reading this remember that however stupid my head and poor my expression, my heart is friendly to you and exceedingly concerned for Princeton Seminary. You are not in accord with the Directors. You may recall that many of them are of your own suggestion. You repeatedly said you wanted orthodox men sound conservatives on the Board. In that spirit you suggested to me the names of Judge Fox, Drs. Hutchinson, F. H. Stevenson, Mr. Hinman. You objected to some I suggested, giving, I think, quite sufficient reasons and none is one the Board. In April 1925 the nominating committee adopted unanimously your suggestions of Hutchinson, Craig, Hodge. You will recall that Elders Hand and Bryan were speedily eliminated from consideration. No one can anticipate how a man of ability will vote after being placed on a Board. Judge Bruce and Dr. Burrell were first suggested by me but I could not tell what they would do nor have I tried to influence either of them.

At one time you did me the honor to pour out your heart into my sympathetic ears. You seemed discouraged and friendless. You spoke of resigning Laird and I advised against it, though from consultation with Directors and Faculty, I knew few were with you. Perhaps for your own sake, I advised wrongly, then, I was moved by sympathy for you. I am frank to say I have often wondered how you stood all through which you have passed. I would have resigned and run away long ago. But you have carried on. We did not agree relative to the election of Dr. Macartney as Prof. of Apologetics which was within the right of each. One faggot after another has been added to the at first small flame. I do not believe there is a man officially connected with Princeton who has not said or done something to increase heat rather than light. Publicly and privately all have done the unwise and unseemly. That includes you and me and Erdman, Macartney, Machen and all the rest. That each acted according to his light in good faith, I dare not question.

ministry, and from all that I can learn of him in his own town, he would not be able to influence anybody to aid our Seminary in a substantial way.

As to the New England representative who is a close personal friend of mine, he could adequately meet the first two requirements. I doubt very much, however, whether he is a man of sufficient prominance or ability to be of any great service to us in building up the Seminary on material lines. When we were appealing to Alumni for endowment funds, he excused himself on the plea that he wished to contribute towards his own college and that he desired to give towards a fraternity house on the college campus. A year or two ago when he and a classmate were here attending their reunion, they complained because the Seminary did not provide adequate accommodations for the entertainment of Alumni wives, and their chief idea seemed to be that they were creditors to whom the Seminary owed an everlasting debt for taking their courses here.

As to the Pennsylvania brother whom you and others have in mind, I understand that he is a good ecclesiastic, but has never taken any interest in educational matters. I also question whether his standing in the community is such that he will be of any substantial help to us. Furthermore, last summer he published a bitter attack in the Presbyterian against Dr. Erdman, and when Dr. Erdman wrote him a kind letter of protest, it brought back a scurrilous kind of reply. A man who can display such bitterness towards one of our professors would hardly, in my judgment, qualify as a wise administrator of the great interests the Presbyterian Church has vested in this school of the prophets.

Judge Fox from all I can hear is a rather ideal man for us and would be a real addition. The same thing could be said regarding Dr. Stuart Nye Hutchison. I would rather take him from a great Presbyterian center, although we already have two Directors there, and be sure of a real gain to our strength, than vote for untried men who have not demonstrated any marked gifts of church leadership.

Another man I think of who would be of real service to us, even though he lives at a distance, is Dr. Frank Stevenson of Cincinnati. He is no relative of mine, but in spite of his name, he is a man of vision, initiative and great resourcefulness.

Pardon this lengthy epistle.

With affectionate greetings, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Stevenson

P.S. You made a remark which has perplexed me - You stated that you had already, in advance, any meeting of the committee, committed yourself for Mr. Hand - to vote in some

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D., way so interested in his election that he is pledging

Delhi, New York. votes in advance - I hope not -

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

February 7, 1925.

Confidential.

My dear Robinson:-

I have been giving a great deal of earnest thought to the questions we discussed last Monday. We all feel that this is a critical time in the history of the Seminary and that any additions to our administrative Boards should include men of the strongest calibre. It seems to me that there are three essential requirements just now for any one who would qualify as a Director.

In the first place he ought to be orthodox in the Princetonian sense. This Fundamentalist controversy is confusing the issue a great deal, and we are calling men orthodox because of their belief in the five points who a few years ago would not have been rated as sound in the faith by our Princeton professors. For example, the editors of the Sunday School Times are now regarded as chosen champions of orthodoxy, but five or six years ago in connection with Conferences which Messrs.Trumbull, Howard, et al, were holding here on the Princeton campus, Dr. Warfield objected to their extreme views, and acting on his advice, the privilege of holding their meetings in our buildings was withdrawn, since which time they have had their Conferences at Stony Brook. These orthodox people of the Bible School type if they were pressed, would not recognize Princeton as a worthy institution. As a matter of fact, the Sunday School Times a few weeks ago had an editorial claiming that the Evangelical Seminary of Dallas, Texas, is the only orthodox Seminary in the country, and as I intimated to you, the Los Angeles Bible people regard Machen as a heretic because he is a post-millennialist.

In the second place, a Director of this Seminary ought to have a real appreciation of the intellectual ideals of Princeton. Our professors have always stood for the most thorough-going scholarship and for a type of education which is far removed from the Bible School brand that is now flourishing to such an alarming extent. Though these Bible Schools seem friendly to us now, it was not a great while ago that they were forming a union to take the training of the future ministry out of the hands of all college and seminary professors.

In the third place, just now we need Directors who are men of commanding influence and who can be of real service to us in the way of enlarging our resources. Within the next five years we ought to raise at least a million of dollars to adequately cover present and prospective needs, and as you are well aware, we do not have many men in the Board who can be of great assistance along these lines.

Judged by these tests, it seems to me that the Chester brother would be ruled out on all three particulars. He is an ardent pre-millenialist and would not be regarded as an orthodox man in the light of Princeton tradition. When he gave an address to our students a short time ago he belittled college and seminary preparation. He made it appear that a knowledge of the English Bible is the main if not sole requirement of a teaching

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PRESIDENT'S ROOM

April 23.

My dear Robinson:- It is hardly necessary for me to say that I wholly share your gratitude regarding the outcome of the Gen. Ass. nominations - in answer to prayer. and we should be in earnest intercession regarding the meeting of the Board on May 11th. that then the same spirit of unity may prevail. On Tuesday I attended the meeting of Baltimore Presbytery and in the evening was present with thirty five others at a seminary alumni dinner. great concern was expressed regarding the situation here in the faculty and the entire group pledged themselves to be in prayer at the time of the Board meeting. The

question was raised - which has emerged in other quarters - whether there might not be alumni representation in the Board - or at least some closer "contact" whereby a Board composed of life members might get the mind of the rank and file of alumni posters. Decided opposition was expressed regarding the proposed election of Dr. McCartney as professor of apologetics - and I was surprised to learn that the men most responsible for stirring up the opposition were in the Seminary with McCartney. and evidently that some all they know of him - he would be a division and not a uniting factor - even in a faculty whose members are all recognized as being conservative and orthodox. I note what you state regarding McCartney's fitness for the chair - You evidently have a different

exceptions of the chairs - from that which I have - and which the other members of the faculty have. As our curriculum is at present organized - I am firmly of the conviction that he does not have - and that he cannot at this time of life secure the qualifications which are needed for this fundamentally important chair. As you may know - the committee saw that Mr. Perkins is well enough to take an active part in Board affairs is deadlocked. and in the light of what is said regarding the possible votes of Board members. I should think that Dr. McCartney's advisers might well urge him to adhere to the opinion he is reported to have expressed on several occasions - and which I myself heard him express. That it would be unwise for him to undertake the responsibilities of this particular chair - Dr. Crane stated

recently, here on the campus that "the plan is" to elect Mr Kearney to the chair of Apologetics - and this after a year's transfer from it to Homiletics and make a place for Harold Robinson - I am exceedingly sorry that Mr Erdman is going to the Assembly - as is Mr Coleman and Robert Dick Wilson - but Erdmans "friends" unfortunately have placed him in such a position that to withdraw is the equivalent of withdrawing under fire - and with no chance to vindicate himself - both the exasperating and calamitous articles in this weeks Presbyterian - the conservatives should go into the hands of a Receiver and let somebody who has hard orthodox sense - and the Spirit of Christ manage our course - which never had brighter prospects - but has never been in more muskilled hands

Very sincerely yours

J. Ross Stevenson

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

March 6, 1925.

My dear Robinson:-

I hope you did not take my last letter too seriously. We have, I am sorry to say, our ups and downs here on the campus and at times reports come in of a most disturbing character. We certainly have some serious problems ahead of us, but a Calvinist who believes in the absolute sovereignty of God ought to be of good cheer.

Frankly, as you already know, I believe it is a mistake to put up Macartney's name for the chair of Apologetics. There is sure to be strong opposition to his election, and although he may secure the majority vote necessary, the movement in my judgment is bound to prove of a divisive character and to result in harm. This I say without the slightest personal feeling.

Furthermore, as I have stated, I cannot favor the names suggested for the three vacancies in the Board because I am thoroughly convinced that we can secure bigger and stronger men. I am securing information regarding six or eight possibilities and when the committee meets shall be glad to present these for consideration.

Dr. Warfield writes that in his judgment we ought to have a special meeting of the Board. Crane, Laird and other have opposed this, but we certainly will need to have plenty of time for a consideration of all our problems, and if the May meeting is to be the only one, we should arrange to get together in the morning. This will mean that the committees should meet in advance and have their reports in readiness.

We had a great day last week of prayer when Stuart Holden was with us and gave three splendid addresses. A very earnest and united spirit prevailed among the students. This, however, may be marred by contention regarding the proposed League of Evangelical Seminaries, a project that sounds well, but when closely studied simply means that students like our own are to sit in judgment on other seminaries and make distinctions among themselves as between Fundamentalists and Liberals. As the Fundamentalists are naturally in the majority, the men coming from some of our own colleges and who are very much at sea in their beliefs and whom it is our task as well as our privilege to establish in the faith constitute a minority, which if branded will in time disappear. You get my point?

With affectionate regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Stevenson

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,

Delhi, New York.

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

June 21, 1924.

My dear Friend Robinson:-

You doubtless have learned that one of our Directors, Mr. Logan C. Murray, died about two weeks ago. In connection with the vacancy, I have been wondering whether that Binghamton man who has turned his back upon Auburn could be of any service to us. If he is not suitable timber for the directorate, is there any way in which we could interest him in Seminary finances? If we carry out the suggested program of the Committee on Pensions, of which Crane is the Chairman, we shall need to raise a rather large fund in the immediate future for that particular purpose, to say nothing of other pressing demands.

You may have learned through Laird that the Curriculum Committee met last Monday and the chief topic of discussion was a successor to Dr. William Brenton Greene. Dr. Crane was very strong in his advocacy for Harold McAfee Robinson, and it is evident that this candidate, if you may call him such, has a number of good points in his favor. Attention, however, was called to the fact that he is a very prosy [illegible] speaker, has great difficulty in interesting any kind of an audience and is not the most congenial kind of a spirit. Laird, Macartney and I were to make further inquiries concerning him. Personally, I would be inclined to favor him, but as I in an indirect way elicit expressions of opinion from those who know him well, I question very seriously whether he would be a real asset in the teaching force of the Seminary. As you are well aware, the great temptation here for a professor is to become more or less of a recluse, having no vital touch with the students, and somewhat below par in ability to teach. From what I hear of Robinson, I fear that he would follow in this succession and make no strong impression either on the students or on the outside constituency of the Seminary. You know him intimately. What is your judgment concerning him?

There are no special news items here on the Seminary campus. Machen and Allis came back from the Assembly very much aggrieved. They had confidently expected the Assembly to take much more drastic action regarding Fosdick, the Boards and the maintenance of Assembly deliverances being equivalent to the mandates of the Constitution.

I attended a meeting of Baltimore Presbytery, of which I am a member, last Tuesday and discovered that there is a great deal of deep feeling over the way in which the Philadelphia Presbyteries have been cornering every worth while committee appointment for several years back and the question was raised if the Presbytery ought not to petition the Assembly for a place in a more fairminded electing district. I reminded the brethren that they had once belonged to a voting section made up largely of colored representatives.

With affectionate greetings and good wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours, Shearer

P.S. Is your son Stewart interested in Apologetics? Personally, I would rather take a promising young man and let him work into it than decide on an older man concerning whom a number of serious questions have been raised. J.R.S.

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PRESIDENT'S ROOM

May 8, 1924.

My dear Friend Courtland:-

Enclosed find an honorarium as an inadequate return for the service you rendered last Sunday evening. Let me thank you most heartily for coming to us, for preaching a good strong helpful sermon and for being a guest in our home. It was a real privilege to talk things over with you and I was only sorry that so many other matters were on my mind that I could not give myself in any satisfactory way to our guests.

You probably have received the mimeographed letter which Dr. MacLennan is sending out and in which he lays down a definite and rigid program which he expects to push through the Assembly and to which by implication he commits Macartney. As I have already intimated to you, it is sheer folly to endeavor to commit the Assembly, made up of unknown factors from all over the United States, in advance to a program on which conservatives are not wholly united. Erdman has been placed in an almost humiliating position by the Presbyterian and naturally feels that he must go forward and that he cannot withdraw in deference to Macartney. I earnestly hope, therefore, that the way may be cleared for Erdman, as in my humble judgment this offers the only sure prospect of what we all desire, a great conservative victory as regards the doctrinal matters that are now before the Church.

Very gratefully and affectionately yours,

J. Ross Stevenson

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,

Delhi, New York.

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

May 14, 1924.

My dear Robinson:-

Your letter has been received and read with sincere appreciation. Like yourself, I am much distressed over the situation regarding Erdman and Macartney.

On Monday I was in New York and talked over matters with Carson. Although he has stood supinely by while such men in his Presbytery as L. Mason Clarke have been guilty of the most radical utterances that have appeared in print from any Presbyterian minister, he is now thoroughly aroused, and in his concern has become somewhat suspicious of Erdman. His main count against him is that he has not written an article on subjects in dispute either in the Princeton Review or the Philadelphia Presbyterian. However, as this is true of himself as well as of Dr. Ethelbert Warfield, whose orthodoxy he does not for one moment question, I fail to see that this criticism should be taken seriously. I am sorry for the statement which the newspaper reporter published as coming from Erdman, and as I told you, am confident that this does not represent Erdman's real attitude. I certainly would not for one instant think of suggesting Erdman's name for Moderator had he not always stood unequivocally on the conservative side and if I were not absolutely confident that in all his appointments and in all relationships involved in the Moderatorship he would be guided by the counsels of conservative friends and would refuse to play into the hands of the liberals.

I am sorry if I have given at any time or anywhere the impression that I am opposed to Macartney. I admire his ability, believe in him thoroughly, and if it were not for what I regard the precedent claims of Erdman would be glad to support him. I certainly would do this should Erdman withdraw. At the same time, the letter which MacLennan has sent out committing Macartney to the whole Philadelphia program, including the recent Overture, and a letter received from William Jennings Bryan to the effect that he expects to nominate Macartney and that the whole Philadelphia program, including MacLennan's Overture, must be put across, convince me that if such extreme measures are insisted upon, it will either split the Church unnecessarily or cause a swing towards the liberal and middle of the road party and will swamp the cause of conservatism to which we are committed for years to come. I rejoice in the splendid service you are rendering in this matter and in your broad-mindedness as well as big heartedness.

I am planning to go on to the Assembly nexy Monday night via the New York Central and shall hope to see you in Grand Rapids soon after our arrival. We must hold the conservative forces together.

Affectionately yours,

J. Ross Stevenson

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,

Delhi, New York.

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

January 28, 1925.

My dear Robinson:-

I have changed my plans so that instead of being at Washington this coming Sunday I am booked to preach for Brank at Summit. I am most eager to see you and will go down to Philadelphia Monday morning if that is the best place for an interview. I am wondering whether you will be coming through New York, in which event I could more conveniently meet you there any time after 9:30 or ten o'clock. In case you have to be in Philadelphia, I can surely catch the ten o'clock train from New York which would bring me to Philadelphia at twelve and should be glad to lunch with you. Would you be good enough to wire me collect in care of the Hotel Hamilton, Washington.

I was in Lancaster on Sunday and found that Mr. Jackson and the committee would be most happy to have you preach. Unfortunately sometime ago they engaged Loetscher for three Sundays in February, the 8th, the 15th and the 22nd. They have already asked him to surrender one of the Sundays, the 8th, and they are a little hesitant about asking him to give up the 15th also. They not only expressed an eager desire to have you supply the pulpit, but made special inquiries regarding Stewart. I was in the Fourth Church a Sunday or two ago and learned that they are endeavoring to secure President Evans of Ripon College for a three months contract, and on this account are not engaging other supplies. However, we can talk over these matters when I see you this coming Monday.

Looking forward to the pleasure of a good long chat with you, I am,

Affectionately yours,

Stewart

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, New York.

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

May 14, 1925.

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

Your letter of May 9th did not come into my hands until late on Monday evening. No one should ever rebel against the "faithful wounds of a friend", although one might well question the fidelity involved in sending specific charges against a friend by letter when there could have been a personal interview, and of presenting serious charges without taking the trouble to ascertain whether such charges have any bases of truth. These charges are of such a grave character as to raise the question whether if true the President of the Seminary is equal to his great responsibility, or to raise the question on the other hand, if they are without any foundation in fact, as I believe them to be, the President is receiving the loyal support from Board members to which his responsibility to the Seminary and to the Assembly as representing the Church entitles him. In either case, such charges should be investigated and affirmed or repudiated by the Board in appropriate action.

I therefore write to inquire if you are willing to have me lay this letter of May 9th before the Board's Investigating Committee of Seven, and also your letter of April 9th, in which you state that if I as President oppose Dr. Macartney's election my position would be "untenable".

Sincerely and faithfully yours,

J. Ross Stevenson

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,

Delhi, New York.

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

June 26, 1924.

My dear Robinson:-

Your good letter has just been received and read with sincere appreciation. Let me thank you for writing so fully and so forcibly regarding the chair of Apologetics.

As to Macartney, I appreciate the full force of what you state and believe that as against Robinson he has superior qualifications. However, as you will probably learn, Crane is dead set on electing Robinson and seems unwilling to listen to any word of commendation regarding any other possibility. He has won Laird over completely for in a conversation which Macartney and I had with Laird yesterday, Laird stated that he proposed to nominate Robinson at the next meeting of the Board and would do everything in his power to secure his election. He intimated that a group of the more conservative men of the Board has gotten together at Grand Rapids and had practically decided on this step and that to check any possible liberalizing tendencies in the Seminary, and he quotes Maitland Alexander as approving of Robinson. This is a surprise to me because in conversations which I have had with Maitland and McEwan, they haven always been more or less suspicious of Robinson's orthodoxy.

I agree with you that it is the Board which must take the responsibility for electing a professor and that the Faculty ought not to intrude except in the way of giving information along line of scholarship and teaching ability. If our whole Faculty were consulted, I imagine that a majority would not be favorable to Robinson from the view point of his intellectual fitness for such an important chair. Their feeling regarding Macartney is that while he could in some respects fit into the work of the chair, he would never make any great contribution in this Department. Dr. Greene who had been a special student of philosophy under Dr. McCosh began his work here when he was seven years younger than Macartney now is, but he was always handicapped by the fact that he could not master the literature on the subject, especially in connection with important developments in France, Germany and Holland, and therefore has not been able to write any book or treatise on the subject that is regarded as having authoritative value. If we are to combat the modern tendencies as they are cropping out in other seminaries, we must have in this stronghold of orthodoxy a man who can cope with such scholars as Lyman and Hume of Union and defeat them with their own weapons. Crane thinks that Robinson will be able to do this in time, but the fact remains that although he has specialized in some phases of Apologetics, to the best of my knowledge he has never written an article or even a book review which would indicate any real grasp of the subject.

It seems a pity that as Faculty, Directors and Trustees we cannot get together and see eye to eye. So far as I can discover there are no real differences either in the Faculty or in the Board of Directors. It seems to be a tendency now to blame Dr. Erdman as a divisive force, and yet Erdman has only stood out against what the Philadelphia brethren now claim they would not insist upon. There is great need for honest frankness and earnest prayer-

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PRESIDENT'S ROOM

April 25, 1924.

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

We are looking forward to having you with us for the service on Sunday evening, May the 4th. This is to be a union service at the First Church. Professor Jenkins will give a sacred concert using his large chorus from seven-thirty to eight o'clock . Mrs. Stevenson and I are expecting you to stay with us here, but unfortunately we have to be away Saturday afternoon, attending the wedding of our nephew, Huntington Day, at Essex Fells, New Jersey, and may not get back until late that evening. Dr. Erdman, however, will be glad to have you dine with him. Kindly let us know the time of your arrival.

Very cordially yours,

J. Ross Stevenson

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, New York.

ought to do" to stand four-square for measures indicative of soundness in the faith, breadth of view, tolerance of spirit and unswerving loyalty to the great Head of the Church.

Affectionately yours,

J. Ross Stevenson

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,

Delhi, New York.

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

February 20, 1925.

My dear Robinson:-

Replying to your last letter which I read with great interest, let me say in the first place that the Committee on Nominations should not only agree as to the men who are to fill vacancies, but be able to suggest men of such recognized fitness as will leave no question in the mind of a single Director as to the propriety of an immediate election. Our by-law is a great embarrassment, especially this year when we have vacancies which ought to be filled prior to the meeting of the Assembly. By unanimous consent we could set it aside, but I feel confident from comments I have heard from Board members regarding the three names suggested to you, there will be no disposition to elect them at once; on the contrary, there is likely to be very decided opposition.

I hesitate to make any suggestions as to names, lest this might be construed as meaning either that I have certain favorites in mind, or that I am committed to their advocacy. It seems to me that if we are to function in the real Presbyterian way as a committee, every member of the Committee, myself included as an ex-offico and voting member, should come to the meeting of the Committee with an open mind, prepared to hear every suggestion and, with the interests of the Seminary in view, decide on those who are best fitted for what should ever be regarded as a high honor as well as a great responsibility. It would seem as if a certain amount of campaigning is going on and that other members of the Committee have been not only approached, but in effect pledged for a particular man. This, if it comes to the ears of the Board, will surely not create a very favorable impression for the man in question.

As you probably will learn, the Curriculum Committee by a vote of three to two has decided to place Macartney's name in nomination for the chair of Apologetics, the understanding being that if he does not prove successful in this chair, he may at a later date be transferred to the Department of Homiletics. One argument for this move on the part of the Committee is that such a choice will quiet the agitation which has been going on here in Princeton and make for peace as well as prosperity, but I fail to see how the bringing in of a partisan who has so closely identified himself with members of the Faculty who are intent not only on dividing the Church but upon dividing the student body as well as the Faculty, gives any promise of harmony or more effective work on the part of the Seminary. The impression seems to be now widely prevalent that there is to be a determined effort not only to place Dr. Macartney in the Faculty, but to give him a position of leadership and as reported, this accounts for his eagerness to have men of his own choice to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors. You can judge for yourself what the effect will be on the Seminary community here, upon the Alumni and upon the whole Church when this news which has been leaking out becomes generally known.

Friends of the Seminary are looking to men like yourself, who not only love the institution, but who love the Church, and know what Israel

fulness.

Again thanking you for your good letter which will will hold confidential, as I request you do the same regarding this, I am,

Gratefully and affectionately yours,

Stevenson

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,

Delhi, New York.

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

January 17, 1925.

My dear Friend Robinson:-

Are you likely to be in this region any time in the near future? There are several matters concerning which I should like to consult you. I heard indirectly that you would be glad to have a Sunday's preaching in the general vicinity of Philadelphia and took the liberty of mentioning your name to the First Church of Lancaster. I am to preach there again on the 25th of January, and if there is some particular date you would like to have, let me know. well I will speak to Mr Jackson.

Awaiting your good pleasure, I am,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

J. Ross Stevenson

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, N ew York.

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

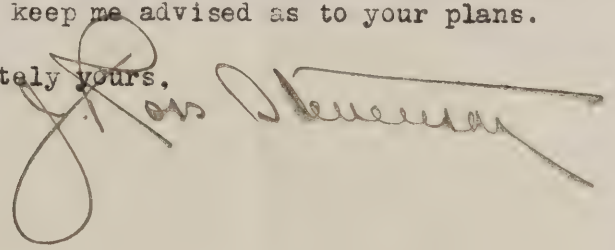
January 21, 1925.

My dear Robinson:-

Your telegram came to hand and I am exceedingly sorry that I was tied up here yesterday. The Secretary of the French Foreign Missionary Society was here arranging to have some of the French Theological students take graduate work here in the Seminary. We also had as a guest Dr. Blanchard of Wheaton College.

I note that you are to be in Philadelphia on February 2nd. I shall be coming up from Washington on that date and shall be delighted to meet you at your convenience. Kindly keep me advised as to your plans.

Affectionately yours,



The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,

Delhi, New York.

He is there now teaching and lecturing.
With kindest regards and good wishes
to you and Mrs Robinson. Sincerely yours
Edwin Stewart

FOUR HUNDRED AND FIVE
SCOTLAND ROAD
SOUTH ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

Dec. 27. 1926.

Dear Dr. Robinson.

How good of you to write me that lovely letter - I greatly appreciate it and the sympathy it expresses. As long as my Mother could use his eyes he read the Presbyterian regularly and often spoke to me of the enjoyment he had in your contributions to it. Sometimes he would send the paper to me that I too might enjoy them - You had a warm place in his love and esteem.

I will send your letter to his daughter, Mrs Robt. Walker — The funeral services a week ago today, conducted by President Hibben of Princeton University and Dr Merrill of the Brick church were beautiful and very impressive —

Three or four weeks ago my Son Will and his wife motored me to Rumson and Red Bank for a four generation picture — I had seen my great grandson but once, a year ago. So when they brought him to me, he saw a perfect stranger and was frightened

FOUR HUNDRED AND FIVE
SCOTLAND ROAD
SOUTH ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

I told them not to urge him
so they took him away—
When we were placed for the
sitting — Will beside me, Edwin
standing behind. the nurse put
Edwin 4th in my lap but he cried
and Will. took him — just as
the man was about to put in
the first plate little Edwin
turned his head, looked at me
for an instant, then smiled
and put out both his arms
for me to take him — So the
picture shows him seated in

had contented and happy —
Was it the call of the blood? —
Whatever it was I thought it very good
When my son Lawrence was detached
last June from the battleship
"Arizona" of which he had been Navi-
gator for three years, he was
ordered home and directed by
the Navy Department to report
to the President of Harvard
University for duty as instructor
in the new department of Naval
Science started at Harvard
this fall. The day after he received
his commission as Commander
he received from the President of
Fellows of Harvard University
an appointment as "Asst Prof" in the
Department of Naval Science

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DOCTOR AND MRS W C ROBINSON

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THE SISONS

WHOM YOU LEFT BEHIND

1122A

Jermain Memorial Presbyterian Church
Walter D. Strangeway, Minister
513 Sixth Street
Watervliet, N. Y.

Rev W.C Robinson D.D.
Delhi N.Y.

Dear Dr Robinson

You will doubtless be surprised to receive this from me, but I have been asked to locate the record of Baptism of Wm Strangeway, son of John. Think it must be in your church. His former wife wishes this information. I have no idea why she wants it but believe it ought to be available if there is such a record.

I am very sorry indeed these young people have felt they must separate. I doubt

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if either of them has a real reason but doubtless there is blame on both sides. Such misunderstandings are very regretable as well as very common.

Wm. must be about 26 so you ought to have no trouble locating the record of it is there. She may have already appealed to you for this and if so I am sorry to bother you again. Any information you can give me will be appreciated.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Yours Sincerely,
W. D. Strangeway

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Dear Dr Robinson

We all do deeply appreciate your coming on for Fathers funeral Will you please deduct from the enclosed check all of your actual expenses and the balance give to some cause in which you are interested Please do this in just the spirit in which it is tendered

Sincerely Yours

Laird H. Simons

3412 Baring St
Phila

Dear Dr Robinson

Let me add
our expression of appreciation
to that of Julia's for all
you did for us on the
fifteenth, and your beautiful
and comforting written
words. Dear Father +

Mother counted you two
as dear and close friends
in addition to a beloved
Pastor. We thank you
for all the past friendship
and for your love and
sympathy now. Sorry
you couldn't be with us
longer after coming so
far, but do trust you
didn't take any cold
in your exposure and
late arrival home, we

will be anxious to know
that you are more than
home for it, and do
appreciate more than we
can tell you, your
coming. In all the
bitter cold that day
the beautiful pure clean
untrodden snow at the
sanitary, was like a
beautiful pure white
blanket unmarred by
man, it seemed to me
to express the purity of his
type

The home is lonely
at every turn without
them and ever will be,
but we are trying to
live in the realization of
his joy so perfect. "Peace
perfect peace" Our precious
ones are together again.
Father's dear lonely heart in
these last three & a half years
has been so brave. We must
be brave too. What you said
at the services wonderfully
expressed dear Father's life and
all so true. Thank you again,
And please ever count us among your
best friends Love to you both Amelia A. Simons

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POTSDAM, N. Y.

hold a meeting for our Woman's Union. We have not had any action in our work this year — so many were tired of the war. But this is the very path — a church must be active, must be alive — must do something besides meeting its financial obligations.

In April, Anything comes to Potsdam. We must try to show our colors as cordial hosts and hostesses. You know it comes to us only once in every year.

The women gave aid and comfort to work — are still the ones who

are
carrying all the responsibilities. Some
of us ahead to stand as "old
veterans". But as yet no one comes
to the front to take our places.
It is to your credit, that the spirit
you brought to us. has kept us
steadily on the warpath.

Tomorrow night, I am leaving (my husband)
for New York. Will come up to meet
me in the city for a week. Then I
shall go home with her to Chapel Hill,
North Carolina, Later, Rufe will join
me, and we may go to Florida
for a short time. The time will be
all too short, so divided. Rufe
seems to be busier than ever. You

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POTSDAM, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Robinson.

Every day since the New Year presented itself, have I been trying to find a few "spare" minutes when a letter might be written. The speed with which the days and weeks rush by is beyond my understanding. For here we are registering the last day of January.

The telegram sent us at Christmas made us all very happy. For we like to know that you and Mrs. Robertson still remember us. and perhaps love us a bit. You see we are here

like old landmarks - trying to hold the fort. Kind Providence sent you to us so long ago - and what a happy and prosperous time our Church enjoyed these few short years! Then like all formula loving men you decided our little town was too small - and you left us - when it seemed your place never could be filled - And it now has two - We have had five men - Each makes his own special place - it is for us to adapt ourselves - pick up the routine work - and do the best we can -

Today, over at Franklin we are to

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POTSDAM, N. Y.

must think him so good to
owe him in his application to business.
It is not right. and I am trying
and praying for some change to
be made to put him upon his feet
on time. Please do not think I
want him to retire. by no means.
But the field is too large, and to
try to crowd things as they are when
father lives me alone.

Our Summer meeting comes com-
(at three o'clock) and I must close.
Let us hear from you. My love to
Lady Robinson. Bless Ruth Ann, the

would give me in law and hel-
wish to you both.

Ever Yours.

Mary Effie Sisson.

Jan 31-1927

MANUFACTURERS' CLUB
OF PHILADELPHIA

February 3. 27

Dear Dr Robinson

Bee Main shot himself through the head this morning while sitting at the breakfast table. I do not suppose it will surprise you very much to hear this. I have been expecting something of the kind for some time. My fear has always been that he might take a notion to do it on the organ loft. I am thankful to him to that extent but very sorry for his wife and children.

I have often wondered how you got home that stormy Saturday afternoon - I do not think I was ever as cold as during the services at the grave - However, I did not suffer any ill from it and as far as I know no one else did either - We are going to be on against for a successor to Main - Dr Swing tells me that it is practically impossible to get a man for $900.00 who will be both organist and choir leader -

I trust this will find both you and Mrs Robinson enjoying good health

Sincerely Yours

W M Sampson

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PRESIDENT'S ROOM

February 2, 1927

My dear Courtland:-

Mr. Martin and I have gone over the roll of the Senior Class, and there are one or two bare possibilities for the work you have in mind.

Paul Foweler, who graduates this year, is an attractive looking fellow, who stands well in his class and has made a good record. He is willing to consider an assistancy, but would prefer to have this in a large city.

I. M. Hayhes is another man, and A.R. Kinsler would also consider a position of an assistant. S. B. Shaw is a married student, earnest and faithful but somewhat lacking in culture.

It seems to us that your best plan would be to come to Princeton and interview each one of these men. The sooner you do this the better, as the men are rapidly accepting positions and will not long be available. If you can come down for a day, Mr. Martin will arrange it so that you can interview in rapid succession each one of the available men. This certainly would be a better way of settling the matter than by correspondence.

Awaiting further instructions from you, I am,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Thos Vincent

The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,

Delhi, New York.

Gouverneur,N.Y 3/8/27

Dear Court:

It delighted me to get your letter-I always like to get them from you.I had just been thinking I must write you.In some respects I have been sort of knocked out this winter.I do suppose you know it,but I had an accident last August.Struck a big stone beside the road,hidden in the grass,bent the axle and tipped me over. Not going fast,just barely toppled over,but I was on the under side and I suppose threw out my arm as I went down to save myself,and that is just what I did not do.The frame came down on my arm,broke it just above the wrist,and sluffed everything off right down to the bone from half way up to the elbow clear down to my hand.Madill said I came v very near losing my arm.Was in the hospital over two weeks and arm did not get all healed for about four months.I can't shut my hand yet,but I am improving all the time,although wrist and hand very stiff yet.I suppose it will be for some time yet.

Yes you are right.It will be forty years next June 19th.I do not know what to do.I do not see any more evidence that the people want me to quit than I did thirty years ago.Sunday we took in the largest number on confession of faith that we ever did except after special meetings. Twenty five young people,eleven boys and fourteen girls,eight adult baptisms.It was a grand sight.My wife says it would be an injury to

the church for us to quit,when so few from Presbyterian famlies are going into the ministry.I think the church could survive my quitting, but I do think it would be a mistake for you to quit.The church has altogether too few like you.I venture you were never able to do better work than you are do ng right now.Physically in such shape why should you?But I am older,never could do the work you could,so it is different with me.But I do not want to be shelved.I hate to think of having nothing to do.I want to go on working.But I do not want to be a hindrance to the Lord's work.I do not want to go on if it would be better for the church if I were to quit.You know they do not pay me much-$2500. They would have to pay far more than that for any one they would take. I have been thinking I would like to have them pay that extra to a superintendent of religious education-working particularly with the young.Perhaps the two of us could do as much as the one new man they might get.What do you think?How would that do for you?No,you are mistaken,I have never been "at outs" with you.I knew you were a little heated at times,but it never made one particle of difference with esteem for you.You havd always had a warm place in my heart.If you had staid at Potsdam it would have enriched all these years for me, but probably you did what was best.I do not know what to think of the mess at Princeton,and I do not know what to do with Sherman next year.Ido not want to send him down into that squabble.I think your position and mine are very alike.Theologically absolutely the same.

And as to the drastic methods of some I felt sure it could not win your approval.The truth will win out and it will win out more quickly by calm reasoning and persuasion than it will by bitter fighting and excommunication.I th ink the great mass of our church is pretty sound in the faith. Stewart will get there.He has the stuff in him. The Markwicks are quite well.Sherman finishes this coming June.He carried six studies beside music last term,and got 3"A"s,3"Bs" and a "C" which was not bad.He is first base on the University Quartet.Rhoda hopes to make Wellesley next fall,is now second year in Syracuse. Robert has been two years with the Firestone people,started in at $1800 and has been raised $900,now gets $2700,which is doing pretty well, better than his dad.George is in the Dominican Republic tutoring and try ing to write.Kate and I are still keeping house,and all are pretty well.That is the family history.

And now it is time I gave you a rest,

Great love to you and our wife,

Will

Hillview Farm
Potsdam, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Such a very long time since we have heard from you - don't blame you - you are retaliating for our delays.

Daisy returned from Lockport recently with the report that Stewart's wife was not at all well and had gone south to recuperate - do hope it is not serious. She is such a charming girl.

Several times I have tried to

The Tickells, a very happy family returned to Selsmeetudy on Tuesday. They are going to be sorely missed especially by the Scotts. The children are darlings and will leave a sad vacancy.

Sixty nine at Prayer meeting Wednesday, you see, they are improving but "yet there is room." - Not equal to yours but better that at any time since you left.

Beautiful Communion service today Mr. Grant began when he first came here with a sermon from the pulpit but at a suggestion from the session he now gives an intimate Communion talk over the Table.

get Stewart's church on the radio but it has not come in well.

Oldham jogs along at its usual gait. Too much of gaiety, undoubtedly toned down, let us hope, by the Lenten season.

The Lions are somewhat separated Arthur Way in the South, Grace counts for the Alices' plantation.

Last week being the Golden Jubilee of the Paper Association, the men spent in New York, and Fannie allowed me to "tag along."

A. H. A. meeting with Mrs. Bat on Wednesday - good time and eats of course.

Hillview Farm
Potsdam, N.Y.

To your friends, Mr. & Mrs. Milwaukee
we took your leaving the grandmothers
alone - with the Kewaskys for the
present.

Mrs. Peter Fort is confined the most
of the time to her room.

When you can spare the time
let us hear from you. Your letters
are sadly missed.

With much love to Sister Deb
and yourself.

Very sincerely
Mary Hess

JOSEPH ANDERSON SCHOFIELD, JR.

Hobart, N.Y.
March 25, 1927

Dear Dr. Robinson,

I thank you for your letter which came today — and for the news and the advice in it. I am glad you are home again and I hope you had a pleasant trip. It was a real delight to preach in your pulpit.

I shall try to run down to see you next week. It is the Assembly that I wanted to talk over because some of us have already received letters urging us to support certain men as Commissioners. Mr. King has even been asked to present Mr. Bookhout's name — and he asked me what to do. I told him my first concern was the Princeton situation and that I would investigate possible candidates as to their

attitude on this matter. That is why I want to see you.

I think I shall be coming down to Delhi next week and shall try to see you. But I shall call up before I come as I do not want to inconvenience you. Nor do I want you to have to stay home to receive me if other matters are on your hands.

Cordially and sincerely yours

Joseph A. Schafield, Jr

Tuesday.

My Dear Court:

Your letter came this morning and I was glad to get it. Are sending you six shirts, the finest imported broadcloth. Will like them to you at $36.00 per doz, which is our wholesale price to the stores. They are very fine and I think will please you. They sell in the stores at $5.00 each. Have cheaper broadcloths but you ask for the best, and I think it wise - they pay dividends in satisfaction.

We are all very well, except possibly Aunt Minnie, who is commencing to break down, exactly as Father did. She will now, of course, gradually decline, but should keep up a few years. Do you realize she is 71 in June?

God has been awfully good to Margaret and me. We have been so very happy that it seems like a dream that I should have any such good luck to get one of her kind. I would not change her in any particular if I could. She is my ideal - healthy, happy and sensible at all times. She is a joy and so very diplomatic in her relations with people. You know she stepped into some nest with my many female dependents but she handles any situation, and they all love her. It seems good to have someone to confide in and have so much confidence in - It is all anyone could wish for. We are having surely our share of the good things - I paid our Uncle Sam a tax on $27500 income for 1926 and I hope I can pay him as much or more in 1927. in spite of the d— shirt business

which is not profitable now with us or anyone I know of.

We would like to run down to see you sometime and will do it, if we don't get so fat the car will not hold us.

Went to Margaret's father for Christmas - Her sister was up for Lincoln's birthday, and another will come for Easter week. Margaret was home for a week early in March, and we have taken a little camp at Lake George for the summer. Just a little cozy for a place for week-ends and such times as we want to get away - Margaret drives the car well and as I have a little Star for running around, we can stay out there all we like and she will not feel

are tied up -

Very early Spring here - all signs of snow gone and things look Spring like - Come up when you can, and I can no doubt arrange for you to preach here in August, if you like - We will soon have some wondrous place for you to preach in - The new building is fast growing - putting the roof on part of it now - Some plant. Have already spent $300 000 on it and it looks to me like not more than half done - Let me know if you want a Sunday or two here in August -

Margaret joins me in sending much love to you -

Hocken

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Robinson,

"I have been my joy in life to find
at every turning of the road,
The hand of a kindly friend
To help me onward with my load.

Since no gold I have to give
And love alone must make amends,
I'll pray while I may live
"God make me worthy of my friends!"

I learned this long ago but it flashes into my mind as I am laying down the Express containing your kind words.

Sincerely yours,
Marian Keith

Second St.
Saturday Morning.